

The Utah Department of Public Safety's Highway Safety Office has started the planning process which will soon culminate in the State's 2015 Highway Safety Plan. This plan will document Utah's priority highway safety problems, and detail the strategies which will be used to address them.

As part of this planning process, the Highway Safety Office is interested in hearing your ideas. Proposals must be evidence-based, and include sufficient crash, citation or related data to illustrate the traffic safety problem. We are especially looking for proposals which will lead to significant reductions in Utah traffic crash injuries and fatalities.

If your organization is interested in proposing a project to us, you should contact the person managing the particular focus area (below) to discuss it prior to applying through our online grant management system (GEARS):

Impaired Driving Prevention – Focuses on reducing the incidence of impaired driving on Utah roads which includes alcohol, prescription drugs, and other illegal drugs and substances. **Contact: Teri Pectol (801) 580-5905**

Occupant Protection – Focuses on increasing use of appropriate restraint (seatbelts, child safety seats, etc.) by motor vehicle occupants. **Contact: Kristy Rigby (801) 366-6047**

Police Traffic Services – Focuses on assisting communities and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing traffic safety equipment needed to promote compliance and also enforce traffic laws. **Contact: Sgt. Ted Tingey (801) 556-8851**

Pedestrian or Bicycle Safety - Focuses on increasing the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists when using roadways. **Contact: Keri Gibson (801) 243-7571**

Motorcycle Safety – Focuses on increasing the safety of motorcyclists through motorist awareness and through motorcyclist training. **Contact: Helen Knipe (801) 520-5074**

Traffic Records Systems – Projects to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, accessibility, uniformity or integration of traffic crash and citation records. **Contact: Carrie Silcox (801) 386-1888**

Distracted Driving – Focuses on reducing the incidence of driving while distracted through enforcement and educational activities. **Contact: Lawrence Hopper (801) 518-0949.**

Older Driver – Focuses on increasing safe driving behaviors among older drivers through educational activities and training opportunities. **Contact: Jill Sorensen (801) 903-7078**

If the program manager invites your organization to apply based on your proposal, applications will be accepted in the GEARS grant management system (www.utahGEARS.com) March 1 through March 31. We look forward to hearing from you!

Resources Available:

Annual Utah Crash Summary - <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/highwaysafety/statistics.html>

Utah Seat Belt Survey - <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/highwaysafety/documents/2013SurveyReportBasic-2.pdf>

SHARP Survey - <http://dsamh.utah.gov/data/sharp-survey-reports/>